

REMARKS

Claims 106-130 are pending in the application.

Claims 106-130 have been rejected.

Claims 106, 116, 118, 119 and 129 have been amended.

Claim 130 has been cancelled.

Unless otherwise specified in the below discussion, Applicants have amended the above-referenced claims in order to provide clarity or to correct informalities in the claims. Applicants further submit that, unless discussed below, these amendments are not intended to narrow the scope of the claims, but are instead intended to advance prosecution. Applicants have also canceled a claim in order to clarify the issues for prosecution. By these amendments and cancellation, Applicants do not concede that the cited art is prior to any invention now or previously claimed. Applicants further reserve the right to pursue the original versions of the claims in the future, for example, in a continuing application.

Formal Matters

Applicants have provided a complete listing of all of the claims in ascending numerical order, as requested by the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. No new matter has been added.

Objections to Drawings

The Office Action objects to Figures 1-5 and 7-9 because those figures purportedly “contain partial views.” Applicants have reviewed the figures and do not believe the figures contain partial views. In addition, the description of these figures

establishes that each of these figures is a complete illustration of the subject matter being illustrated. In order to better inform Applicants as to the infirmity of these figures, Applicants request the Examiner provide a more detailed description of how these figures provide only a partial view. Applicants further note that the Examiner has previously considered these figures to be sufficient, as the figures were part of the previously allowed parent application 10/407,483 (U.S. Patent No. 6,732,111).

Applicants are willing to provide amended figures should such amendments be required, but at this time Applicants are at a loss as to how to responsively amend the figures.

Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 130 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicants have canceled this claim and therefore respectfully submit that this rejection is now moot.

Claims 106-130 further stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as purportedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The Office Action suggests that the claim language of Claims 106, 118 and 119 referencing “a selected one of the fields” lacks proper antecedent basis to the limitation “receiving user input selecting the selected field.” *See* Office Action, p.6. Applicants have amended the referenced claims to substantially provide “selecting a selected field of the plurality of fields, wherein the selected field comprises a reference to an attached file.” *See, e.g.*, Claim 106 (as

amended). Applicants respectfully submit that this amended language is responsive to the rejection and that therefore the rejection is now moot.

Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 106, 118, 119, 110 and 123 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,787,440 issued to Bakke et al. ("Bakke"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Independent Claims 106, 118 and 119, as amended, each contain limitations of the following form:

displaying contents of a database table comprising a plurality of fields arranged into a plurality of rows and a plurality of columns, wherein

a row of the plurality of rows is associated with an attached file, and
a column of the plurality of columns comprises information about the attached files associated with the rows wherein the information comprises one of the directory name of the file in the filesystem relative to the root directory of the filesystem and the source file name.

See, e.g., Claim 106 (as amended). Applicants respectfully submit that the cited sections of Bakke do not provide disclosure of this amended claim limitation.

The cited section of Bakke, referenced by the Office Action, relates to Bakke Figure 4a. Figure 4a provides a parameter table (element 114) that purportedly includes information associated with an object being displayed in illustrated display area 102. *See* Bakke 6:12-34. The Office Action associates the illustrated parameter table with the claimed database table. *See* Office Action, p.7. As an initial matter, the illustrated parameter table does not contain a plurality of columns, as provided in the amended claim. Even were the illustrated parameter table transposed so that the illustrated rows

were columns, this still would not anticipate the invention because there would then not be a plurality of rows, wherein an row is associated with an attached file, as claimed.


In addition, the illustrated parameter table does not provide either a directory name of the file in the filesystem relative to the root directory of the filesystem or the source file name, as provided in the amended claims. As disclosed in Bakke, “the various links are stored merely as object numbers.” Bakke 6:36-37. Applicants respectfully submit that the disclosed “object numbers” are not either of the claimed names of the files as provided in the amended claims. The object number is a reference to another parameter table having that object number associated with it, thereby providing a simple mechanism for coupling parameter tables. *See* Bakke 6:27-34. Such object numbers are not the claimed file names, which provide more detail and links to actual files and not other tables. Given Bakke’s different purpose for these object numbers, it would make no sense to modify Bakke to replace the object numbers with the file names of the present invention.

For at least these reasons, Applicants submit that Bakke fails to disclose all of the limitations of independent Claims 106, 118 and 119, as amended, and all claims depending therefrom (Claims 107-117 and 120-129), and that those claims are in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner’s reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections to these claims and an indication of the allowability of same.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application and the claims therein are believed to be in condition for allowance without any further examination and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 512-439-5090.

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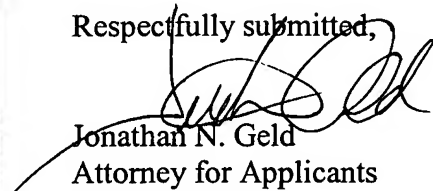


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